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1. POST FULLY APPRECIATES DIFFICULTIES CAUSED TO DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAM AGENCIES BY LATE SUBMISSION OF CONCRETE TRAVEL PLANS FOR IV CANDIDATES. WE TRUST DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THAT EMBASSY, ACCORDING THIS PROGRAM HIGHEST PRIORITY, HAS AIMED FOR TOP-LEVEL PARTICIPATION TO MAKE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF LIMITED FUNDS. IT IS AXIOMATIC HERE, AND MUST BE WORLD-WIDE, THAT RESPONSIBLE ACTIVISTS ARE OFTEN UNABLE TO PROVIDE LONG LEADTIMES FOR ABSENCES. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO SEEK OUT THOSE WHO CAN GIVE DEFINITE TIMES FOR TRAVEL BUT SUCH, BY DEFINITION, ARE OF SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER VALUE. MOREOVER, A CANDIDATE ONCE INVITED IS DISINCLINED TO RELINQUISH THE INVITATION. THIS YEAR THE TIME EXTENSION OFFERED BY THE TQ HAS ENCOURAGED US TO KEEP TOP CALIBRE CANDIDATES ON THE BOOKS WITH THE PROSPECT OF LATE SUMMER TRAVEL.

2. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE INCREASING NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING INVITATIONS FROM SIX TO EIGHT TO ENSURE FULL PARTICIPATION BY SEPTEMBER 30. SHOULD NONE OF EIGHT DROP OUT (UNLIKELY), WE WOULD EXPECT TQ FUNDS TO EXPENSE FOR AT LEAST ONE AND WOULD PERSUADE OTHER TO TRAVEL AFTER OCTOBER 1.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: NEED DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE TO INVITE KIKIS N. LAZARIDES, GENERAL MANAGER OF CYPRUS POPULAR BANK AND GOVERNMENT-APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF CYPRUS SPORTS ORGANIZATION, CONTROLLING

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SOME 800 LOCAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS. A LEADING ECONOMIST, LAZARIDES

IS IN RUNNING TO SUCCEED MINISTER OF FINANCE WHO RETIRES THIS SUMMER. HE ASSURES US HE FREE TO TRAVEL ANY TIME. HE HAD SPECIALIST GRANT IN 1960 WHEN HE WAS PROMISING BUT LOW-LEVEL ECONOMIST. AS ALTERNATE, RPOSE KYPROS CHRYSOSTOMIDES, WELL-CONNECTED YOUNG LAWYER HEADED FOR POLITICAL CAREER VIA MAJORITY UNIFIED PARTY.

4. HERewith RECAP OF STATUS 1976 NOMINEES:

A) PASCHALIS PASCHALIDES, CHAIRMAN OF HELLENIC MINING CO. THOUGH HE WAS FIRST INVITEE AND EXPECTE DTRAVEL IN SPRING, NOW SAYS HE CANNOT POSSIBLY LEAVE PRESS OF BUSINESS UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER AT EARLIEST. WE ARE SCHEDULING HIS DEPARTURE FOR SPETEMBER 27 IN HOPES WE WILL HAVE OPTION OF OBLIGATING FUNDS GHIS FY.

C) ANDREAS MIKELLIDES, MINISTER OF EDUCATION. HAS ASSURED US HE WANTS TO VISIT U.S. AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO TRAVEL IN SEPTEMBER. SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT PREVENT EARLIER DEPARTURE.

C) GEORGE PELAGHIAS, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOREIGN MINISTRY. EXACTLY DITTO TO B. ABOVE. (EMBASSY REGARDS BOTH B. AND C. AS EXTREMELY VALUABLE VISITORS AND HAS ACCOMMODATED THEIR WISH TO REMAIN ON 1976 BOOKS.)

D) IACOVOS ARISTIDOU, DIRECTOR, GOC PLANNING COMMISSION. NOW ADVISES HE CAN LEAVE JUNE 28-JULY 3 FOR 30-DAY STAY. BIO DATA AND ITINERARY PREFERENCES ALREADY SUBMITTED. UPON WORD THESE DATES ACCEPTABLE, POST WILL ISSUE TICKETS.

E) LOIZOS KYTHREOTIS, DIRECTOR OF NEWS FOR CBC. WOULD PREFER 45 DAY-DAY STAY, JUNE 1 TO JULY 15. IF LEAD TIME TOO SHORT FOR PROGRAM AGENCIES, WE URGE TRY FOR 30-DAY TRIP STARTING JUNE 15. IF TRAVEL CANNOT BE COMPLETED BY JULY 15, KYTHREOTIS CANNOT BE AVAILABLE AGAIN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1. BIO, ITINERARY DATE UPCOMING THIS WEEK. GENERALLY HE INTERESTED IN OBSERVING TV NETWORKS' COVERAGE OF CAMPAIGN AND GENERAL NEWS OPERATIONS. NO OTHER SPECIAL INTERESTS.

F) EKREM AVCIOGLOU, MEMBER TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY. THIS REPRESENTS EMBASSY SWITCH BETWEEN FORMER ALTERNATE AND PRINCIPAL MUSTAFA GURIEL, BASED ON ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR EVALUATING EACH. BOTH MEN STNDING FOR ASSEMBLY REELECTION AND CANNOT TRAVEL BEFORE JUNE 20. CAN LEAVE IMMEDIATELY GHEREAFTER. AVCIOGLOU STUDIED LAW IN LONDON, PRACTICES IN KYRENIA AND IS CHAIRMAN OF BANK THERE. IN U.S. WOULD LIKE TO OBSERVE STATE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS, JUDICIARY SYSTEM AND CONGRESS.

G) KIKIS LAZARIDES, AS PER PARA 3 ABOVE. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, WE PROPOSE SCHEDULE TRAVEL STARTING JULY 1 FOR 30 DAYS, THOUGH EARLIER DATE XOSSIBLE. DIO AND ITINERARY DATA TO BE SUPPLIED UPON CONFIRMATION.

H) GEORGE ANDREOU, GOC AUDITOR GENERAL. HE IS PREPARED TO LEAVE JUNE 15 OR THEREAFTER FOR ORIENTATION PROGRAM WITH GAO, AS OUTLINED REFTTEL B. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE WHEN GAO CAN

BEST ACCOMMODATE HIM AND WE WILL PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

5. ALL CANDIDATES FLUENT IN ENGLISH; NO INTERPRETERS NEEDED.

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